

S P E E C H - N A S O S A

2 JULY 1996

1. **Thanks to Chairman and NASOSA for inviting me.**

- 1.1 Thank you for inviting my wife and I.
- 1.2 I thank you not only as representative of the Federation, but in my personal capacity as I wish to dedicate as much of my remaining Community involvement to our younger generation.
- 1.3 Thank you for the 25th March.

2. **Thanks to NASOSA for achieving what we want as organised Hellenism in South Africa - namely the Organisation and united effort of our Hellenic younger generation.**

- 2.1 It has always been agreed that it is needed and at last we see the achievement of this goal.
- 2.2 Please carry on the good work and go from strength to strength.

3. **Emphasise the importance of having the younger generation organised and united.**

- 3.1 They are the future leaders
- 3.2 They must take over in all spheres
- 3.3 They will be involved in South African politics just as Hellenes are in the other new worlds, particularly the United States and Australia.
- 3.4 Hellenes will feature prominently as leaders in their fields. Academic, Professional, Entrepreneurial, Industrial and all other fields.

4. There is one particular request I direct to you all,
namely :

- 4.1 Wherever you live, there is an Hellenic Organisation -
a Community structure or a Brotherhood or Association.
- 4.2 My earnest appeal to you, is for you to get involved
in your local Community affairs and/or Organisation.
- 4.3 Wherever possible, I see no reason why NASOSA must
not be represented on every Community and Association.
- 4.4 Take an active office participation in Community
affairs.

We are proud to use the Pretoria Community and SAHETI
as an example of the younger generation running our affairs.

5. We are unanimously having NASOSA represented on the Executive
Council of the Federation, as I deem it indispensable and
non negotiable.

- 5.1 If we do not have our younger generation involved and
represented in all our South African Hellenic affairs,
then I am afraid we cannot say we are successful.
- 5.2 It does not matter how much funds are collected by the
local Communities and what assets they have.
- 5.3 Our real assets is to see the younger generation being
part of our Community Structure.
- 5.4 I am aware of the fact that funds are important, but
it is participation that we need.
- 5.5 With correct participation we will enjoy fund-raising
to further our needs and goals.

6. Therefore, my earnest appeal to you is, please get involved. No local Community Chairman or Chairman of an Association should not be willing to embrace you.

6.1 As a matter of fact I think it will make them proud to have you join and share your efforts with them.

7. The message has been driven home. If we cannot get you to take over, to become involved and to show us what is needed in South Africa, then I am afraid we cannot deem ourselves to be successful and well organised.

8. Once again, thank you to you all, continue your good work, intensify your efforts and let us move forward to give Hellenism its rightful place for the benefit of one and all.

THANK YOU